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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Menon  
Serial No.: 09/521,442  
For: METHOD OF TREATING SKIN CONDITIONS  
Filed: March 7, 2000  
Examiner: Di Nola-Baron  
Art Unit: 1615  
Attorney Docket No.: 680.0035USU

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COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL FORM

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.

Petition for extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.137 is hereby made if, and to the extent, required. The fee for this extension of time is calculated to be \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to extend the time for filing this response until \_\_\_\_\_.

The fee for any change in number of claims has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	
Total Claims	23	Minus	20	3	x \$18.00	\$54.00
Independent Claims	5	Minus	4	1	x \$84.00	\$84.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE				x \$280.00 = \$		
TOTAL FEE FOR CLAIM CHANGES				\$138.00		

The total fee for this amendment, including claim changes and any extension of time is calculated to be \$ 138.00 .

**XXX** A check in the amount of \$ 138.00 is attached.

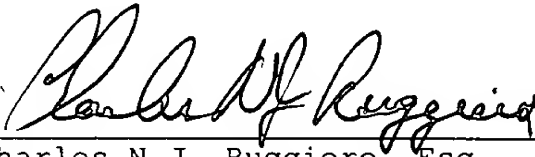
**XXX** The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required with this communication or during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to **Deposit Account No. 01-0467**. A duplicate copy of this Form is enclosed.

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In the Claims

Please cancel claims 4, 12 and 13.

Please amend the claims according to the following:

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1. (Once amended) A method of treating or ameliorating a condition selected from the group consisting of one or more blemishes, skin breakouts, cellulite, oily skin, oily hair, oily scalp and any combination thereof, comprising topically applying to an affected area of the skin or hair a PPAR stabilizer in an amount effective to improve the aesthetic appearance of the affected area.

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5. (Once amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the condition is cellulite.

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